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The U.S. intelligence community has suffered significant damage from a perfect storm of insider revelations and budget cutbacks. Simultaneously, the threat picture confronting the United States has grown to an unprecedented level just when intelligence organizations are hampered in their efforts to continue to protect the nation.

The threat portfolio has become more diverse and less distinct, in contrast to the Cold War when the free world confronted a monolithic adversary. A variety of devastating capabilities now are in the hands of a growing number of malefactors who sometimes defy identification, let alone detection. And, severe budget-cutting measures imposed in recent years threaten to return with even more wide-ranging deleterious effects on the ability of the intelligence

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